



Ruff Notes

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October Events:

- 10/03 Board Meeting
- 10/04 Conformation classes start
- 10/18 Ruff Notes Deadline

November Events:

- 11/07 Board Meeting
- 11/08 Deadline for all Awards
(Phoebus, Monterey Bay Sportsmanship)
- 11/15 Watsonville Final Classes
- 11/15 CGC Test, Watsonville
- 11/16 Pet Pals, Soquel Final Classes
- 11/17 Capitola Final Classes
- 11/19 General Membership Meeting
- 11/22 Ruff Notes Deadline

December Events:

- 12/03 Christmas Dinner
- 12/05 Board meeting
- 12/06 Intersession
- 12/13 Intersession
- 12/20 Intersession
- 12/20 Ruff Notes deadline

President's Waggin' Tale:

Once again the Club put on another great Fair Demo. Thanks especially to Michael Bashista for taking on the task of Fari Demo Chair. Thanks, too, to all those who took on the responsibility of showing up for practices and five nights of participation in the demo. You were all an important part of providing both entertainment and education to viewers and also helping to inform the public of the opportunities we offer for training their dogs through our classes.

We are still looking for members who are willing to take on some important positions for the Club. We especially need an Intersession Chair. The topic for Intersession is still up for discussion. Two suggestions mentioned were Rally or Agility. We are not limiting the possibilities to one of those.

We also need Chairs for the May Picnic and for the June Obedience Workshop.

We'll start with these three Chairs and will also need a few other posts (as listed in last month's Ruff Notes).

The Board has been working with two major projects: Project Update and Project Streamline. In Project Update we are reviewing all our job descriptions and updating them. Thus far, we have completed all of the Board job descriptions and most of the General job descriptions. We will also be updating the job descriptions for the Obedience Trial, Agility Trial, Rally Trial, and VST Trial.

In Project Streamline we are reviewing all of the boxes of Information forwarded to Board members. Some information is important for us to retain while other information is no longer needed. We are planning to sort through all this information, retaining that which is important and disposing of outdated info. This will make it more useful when it is time to pass it on to next year's Board members.

If you have any concerns that you would like the Board to consider, please let us know.

Hot Dog Award

There is a correction for last months Hot Dog Award.
After receiving the corrected information it should of gone to Christa Cordtz and Harlow.

There is no Hot Dog Award in obedience this month!
There is no Hot Dog award in agility month this!



Editors Note: "Brenda Shepard"

As the Square Dance Chair I would like to say thank you to BG "Betty Garcia" for all her help and support. without her guidance I would not of known where to begin with this.

I would also like to thank my teams for all their hard work and participation, Cheryl Dalton, Linda Lang, Gayl Dalmau, Stacy Thompson, Karleen Quick, Marion Bashista, Trish Duarte, Chrissy Hastings Baugh, Stu Gibson, Marlene Majewski and my son Robert Shepard. With a little team work, it shows what we can all accomplish.

A very special thanks to Dennis Vierra our caller who made this fun and exciting as he does every year!



From the membership desk

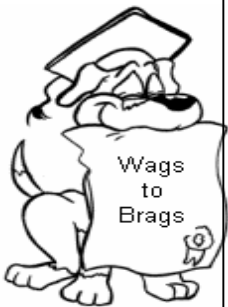
Rich Torres

Here is the information on the three proposed members:

P.J. Bay -Has German Short Hair, Helped out at the Agility,Rally trials and the workshop, attended the meeting after the workshop and has completed the training class at Watsonville.
She has her own landscaping business.

Dale Bassano -Has Great Danes, Stewarded at the Obedience Trial and the workshop attended the meeting after the workshop and has completed the required classes at Watsonville.

Lori Serrano - Has Boxers, Stewarded at the OB Trial and the workshop and attended the meeting afterwards and has completed the required classes at Watsonville.



On Sept. 3 & 4 at the Gold Country Dog Show, Steve showed Woody at his First GO – TO –GROUND trial. Woody was 1 of 34 dogs entered And won his Jr. Earth Dog “JE” title his first time out. Woody made it Through the tunnel and to the rat in 8 seconds. Only 3 dogs qualified the Whole weekend.

Owned by Carol and Steve Howton

At the Grass Valley KC Show Lance won his Bred-By Class, then went to win Best Bred-By in Show under breeder judge Edd Biven.

Owned by Tammy Del Conte.

Sept. 3, 2005 Diamond got 3rd in the GSD Club of Reno Specialty Puppy Sweeps. Owned and handled by Brenda Shepard



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Brags

Directory Update

Inside Cover:

Agility Trial is in Scotts Valley, not Soquel

Matches and Trials Committee:

Add Marion Bashista



Happy Not So Furry Birthdays:

Luane Vidak	10/3/00
Dolores Diego	10/18/00
Cheryl Dalton	10/23/00
Maxine Gomez	10/30/00



“County Fair Canines Shine Again”

By: Michael Bashista

Club members and other handlers who train in obedience and agility with the club once again entertained fair goers at Paddy Smith Park the first five nights of the fair.

This year saw the return of the square dance and the group recall. Organized by Brenda Shepard, the square dance handler-dog teams performed in red and blue bandanas and cowboy hats. The teams were Karleen Quick with Cody, Betty Garcia (BG) and Mike, Marion Bashista and Kelli, Stacy Thompson with Noah, Linda Lang and Rosie, Gayl Dalmau and Toots , Cheryl Dalton with Kala , Brenda Shepard and Scooby, Trish Duarte with Teddy, Stew Gibson with Vittu, Crissy Hastings Baugh and Gracie, Marleen Majewski And Clifford and Robert Shepard with Merlin.

The group recall required 4 dogs to cross the ring individually and drop. Four other dogs were called directly to front. The down dogs were then called to front then all 8 finished into heel position. Karleen with Lolly, Gayl, Brenda, BG, Linda, Stacy and Marion were joined by Michael Bashista and Merlin.

While the high and broad jump were being set up, Crissy and her 5 month old Sheltie, Cash, introduced a new event at our show, puppy training techniques.

Retrieve on flat, retrieve over the high jump and the broad jump were demonstrated various evenings by Michael and Merlin, Chris Hyde and George, Denise Panzich and Monque, and Marion with Kelli.

Always a crowd pleaser is the utility demo. Noreen Silva and Wind worked the scent articles and gloves which was particularly challenging as Tuesday’s BBQ lingered in the grass long into the week. Stacy and Noah performed directed jumping.

Each evening concluded with the Agility Relay race, two teams of 5 dogs/handlers. The audience swells for this event as Dennis Vierra, our Master of Ceremony, gets a bit excited. Even the dogs get excited, some times crossing into the other team’s course to greet or “bark smack”. Merlin has been chased often by his sister, Kelli, into the tunnel or through the weaves if they end up on the course at the same time.

From the Desk of Cheryl Dalton Treasurer

Last year's Intersession Profits were donated to the Canine Victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donation's were mailed to Noah's Wish, a non-profit organization located in Placerville, Ca., specializing in disaster relief for animals. Please visit the website: www.noahswish.org.

A donation was also made to AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund. AKC donated \$25,000 and also sent teams to help the local relief workers in Louisiana and Mississippi. You can also visit the AKC website for up to date conditions.

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In addition to members Pam Hetrick (with Molly) and Amanda Nie (with Gerwood), dogs and handlers from our Wed agility classes ran the relay. Linda Van Dijk with Jasper, Connie McKee with Fidget, Karen Plemens Lucas with Nikki, Jane Devlin with Riff and agility instructor Dee Hutton with Izzie ran the course along with some of the dogs and handlers mentioned above.

All of this was masterfully held together by our resident “club” actor and MC, Dennis Vierra. With numerous pages of notes and note cards scribble in many handwritings, he kept it all on pace with humor and not one head stand.

Also contributing to the smooth operation that requires a good bit of equipment setup and moving were Brenda's sons Robert and Logan, Crissy's husband, Chris, and Hans van Dijk.

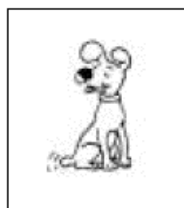
And there wouldn't have been any equipment without Lynn “Trailer Totin” Schmitt towing our trailer to and from the fair grounds.

The message that we hope left with every member of the audience was that a trained handler and obedient dog can have a lot of fun together. Thanks to all who participated and if you'd like to have some fun next year, you're invited.



Birthday Wags to:

Carolyn Meyer	Borzoi	Tugiy JC	10/1/96	9
Crissy Hastings Baugh	Shetland Sheepdog	MACH Gracie PT	10/11/98	7
Christa Cordtz	Borzoi	Deva JC	10/20/00	5
Christa Cordtz	Borzoi	Harlow JC	10/20/00	5
Judy McLeod	Border Collie	Denny	10/27/00	5
Carolyn Meyer	Border Collie	Reason	10/4/01	4
Linda Lang	Golden Retriever	Rosie CGC, NA, NAJ	10/24/02	3
Linda Harbertson	Aussie	Ky	10/27/04	1



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